

## Message Text

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EXDIS (DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS)

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR IS LE PEPR EG  
SUBJ: WEIZMAN-GAMASY CONNECTION

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 3855, (B) CAIRO 9077

1. AT OUTSET OF MEETING WITH WEIZMAN THIS MORNING  
(MARCH 23) HE INFORMED ME HE HAD RECEIVED AN ANSWER  
TO HIS MESSAGE TO GAMASY (REF A). HE THEN PROCEEDED  
TO HAND MESSAGE TO ME WITH THE INVITATION TO READ IT.

2. GAMASY HAD RESPONDED IN WARM AND COLLEGIAL LANGUAGE  
TO WHAT APPARENTLY HAD BEEN AN EQUALLY FRIENDLY MESSAGE  
FROM WEIZMAN. (WEIZMAN SAID HE HAD ALREADY PHONED THE  
IDF UNIT IN CAIRO TO CONVEY HIS THANKS TO GAMASY.)  
IN THE MESSAGE GAMASY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR  
WEIZMAN'S EXPLANATION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND OF  
ISRAELI INTENTIONS (WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BEEN SPELLED OUT  
IN DETAIL). HE NOTED THE GOE HAD BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING  
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WEIZMAN'S VARIOUS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF RECENT DAYS.  
GAMASY SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
BY OTHER GOI ACTIONS. HE HOPED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN  
LEBANON WOULD BE QUICKLY RESOLVED SO THAT THE NEGOTIATION  
PROCESS WOULD ONCE AGAIN OCCUPY CENTER STAGE. IN THE  
MEANTIME, GAMASY SAID HE IS FULLY PREPARED TO KEEP THE

DIALOGUE GOING THROUGH HIS PRIVATE CHANNEL TO WEIZMAN.

3. IN HIS INITIAL MESSAGE, WEIZMAN SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT HE AND GAMASY MEET PRIVATELY TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS. GAMASY'S REPLY STATED THAT HE THINKS THIS A GOOD IDEA WITH WHICH HE IS IN TOTAL AGREEMENT. HE SAID HE AWAITS WEIZMAN'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO SET IT UP.

4. COMMENT: WEIZMAN IS ELATED OVER GAMASY'S RESPONSE. DURING OUR DISCUSSION I GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THIS RENEWED CONTACT WITH GAMASY PROBABLY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HIS POLITICAL DECISION TO CHALLENGE BEGIN BY CALLING FOR A BROADENED COALITION (SEE SEPTTEL). WEIZMAN CLEARLY REMAINS CONVINCED THAT HE IS THE ONE PERSON IN THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT WHO CAN SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATE WITH THE EGYPTIANS. HE SAID HE WILL SEEK BEGIN'S AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON TOMORROW TO SET UP THE MEETING (WHICH HE SUGGESTED PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO BE HELD IN SECRET.) VIETS

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